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REMARKS

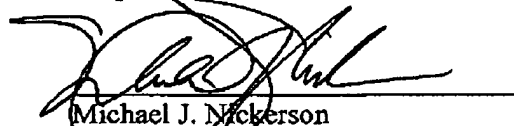
Claims 12-25, 30-34, 38-56, 65-86, 88-91, 97-111, 115-120, 124-138, 142, 145, 150-185, 187-253, and 255-266 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 26-29, 35-37, 57-64, 87, 92-96, 112-114, 121-123, 139-141, 146-149, 186, and 254 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

As respectfully submitted above, the various independent claims have been amended to include the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 24, 2004. Therefore, all the presently pending claims are considered allowable over the prior art of record as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 24, 2004.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the amendments and reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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